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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s) : OKAMOTO et al.  
Serial No. : 10/550,252  
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For : HIGH-STRENGTH HOT-ROLLED STEEL SHEET EXCELLENT  
IN HOLE EXPANDABILITY AND DUCTILITY AND  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT IN RCE**

S I R:

This amendment is being filed in a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in the above-identified patent application.

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2009.